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FOR RSS AND RMO

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MSG LIBREVILLE

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 11516; (B) LIBREVILLE 1140

1. REF (A) REQUESTED CLARIFICATION PARA 3, KINSHASA 8083 AND REQUIREMENTS OF PSD AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX I MSG HANDBOOK.
2. RSO AWARE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF MSG'S FOR PSD. HOWEVER, SITUATION DEVELOPED IS INDICATED IN REF (B) WHEREBY TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE. THE CHARGE, WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE NCOIC, INITIATED PSD WITH THE NCOIC TAKING PRIMARY DUTIES ONLY, BEING RELIEVED BY OTHER MSG'S FOR REST. HAD RSO BEEN ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH POST PRIOR TO PSD INITIATION, HE WOULD HAVE CONCURRED. NCOIC HAS HAD MUCH OJT BY FORMER RSO KINSHASA AND IS QUALIFIED FOR PSD DUTY.
3. UPON RSO ARRIVAL LIBREVILLE, TENSION SITUATION HAD ENDED AND POST HAD DISCONTINUED PSD. HOWEVER, RATHER THAN AN IMMEDIATE ABSENCE OF PSD PRESENCE WITH CHARGE AND RSO JUDGMENT, NCOIC ON OCCASION WOULD ACCOMPANY, I.E. PLAY GOLF OR HAVE LUNCH, ETC., WITH CHARGE FOR SHORT TIME. RSO UNDERSTANDS THAT HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

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4. SAFEGUARDING INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS OF MARINES CONCERNED AND

ANY OTHER AMERICAN PERSONNEL IS ALWAYS FOREMOST IN RSO MIND.
A THREAT ON THE CHARGE HAD BEEN MADE, NOTWITHSTANDING
REGULATIONS, AGREEMENTS, ETC., THE POST MADE THE DECISION
FOR PSD AND RSO CONCURS. TIME NOT BEING A FACTOR,
RSO WOULD HAVE COMPLIED FULLY WITH ALL REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS
AND WILL DO SO, TIME PERMITTING, IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER,
FOR FUTURE GUIDANCE, RSO WILL CORRESPOND WITH DEPARTMENT
AND RSS.
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